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NOTICE OF MEETING

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

May 25, 2006

10:00 A.M.

1/ State Capitol, Room 113
Sacramento, California 95814

PRELIMINARY AGENDA ITEMS

ITEM NO.

1. Roll Call
2. Funding Status – Informational
3. Special Project Planning Account - Informational
4. Proposed Consent Calendar (Items 5 - 18)
- *5. Approval of Minutes – February 23, 2006 Meeting
- *6. Recovery of Funds
- *7. Carpinteria Creek Arundo Removal and Restoration, \$80,000.00
Santa Barbara County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the Santa Barbara County Agricultural Commissioner's Office for a cooperatively funded project with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the County to remove invasive nonnative plant (Arundo donax) from private property located along the lower reaches of Carpinteria Creek, in the City of Carpinteria in Santa Barbara County. [Habitat Conservation Fund (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (e/f)]

* Proposed Consent Calendar

1/ These facilities are accessible to persons with disabilities

- *8. Blue Ridge Outlook, Tulare County \$-0-
- To consider the transfer of a 0.61 ± acre property back to the California Department of Forestry to accommodate an expanded communication facilities site located approximately 10 miles northeast of Springville in Tulare County.
- *9. San Joaquin River Parkway, Wagner Property Steward Residence, Madera County \$94,600.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Conservancy to refurbish a single family home to accommodate a site steward for the Conservancy's Wagner property. A second home on the site and some out buildings will be demolished, an agricultural well, and a swimming pool will be decommissioned and abandoned. The project is located north of the San Joaquin River, below Friant Dam in Madera County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (b)(5)]
- *10. Volta Wildlife Area Wetland Enhancement, Merced County \$126,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to replace a collapsed water supply pipeline that conveys water to more than three quarters of the Department of Fish and Game's Volta Wildlife Area, located approximately seven miles northwest of Los Banos in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP]
- *11. Newman Land Company Wetland Restoration, Merced County \$52,000.00
- To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to restore approximately 40 acres of semi-permanent wetlands, 60 acres of uplands, and 232 acres to seasonal wetlands on privately owned land located two miles northeast of the City of Gustine and a half mile northwest of Highway 140 in Merced County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) IWCP]
- *12. Laguna de Santa Rosa Ludwigia Eradication Project Augmentation, Sonoma County \$60,000.00
- To consider the allocation for an augmentation to an existing grant for an ongoing project by the Laguna de Santa Rosa Foundation to eradicate Ludwigia hexapetala on an additional 2,300 linear feet of channels located within the Laguna Wildlife Area, six miles east of Santa Rosa in Sonoma County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]

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- *13. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Willow Creek Wildlife Area, Phase II, Lassen County \$135,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to finalize a Master Plan, and to install a pump at a newly constructed well, rehabilitate a major supply canal to provide water to nearly 300 acres of wetlands and uplands, restore and enhance approximately 146 acres of upland habitat, and improve the access road on the Department of Fish and Game's Willow Creek Wildlife Area, located approximately nine miles north of Susanville, adjacent to Highway 139 in Lassen County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]

- *14. Upper Mattole River Watershed Rehabilitation, (Change of Scope), Humboldt and Mendocino Counties \$-0-

To consider a change of scope for a grant to Sanctuary Forest, Inc., for the Upper Mattole River Watershed Rehabilitation Project previously approved for funding by the Board on February 24, 2005. The change of scope involves the repair of additional erosion sites, located on private land in the Thompson Creek watershed in Humboldt and Mendocino counties.

- *15. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, Siskiyou County \$150,000.00

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to enhance approximately 121 acres of wet meadow, seasonal wetlands, and semi-permanent wetlands by rehabilitating 1,000 ± feet of the existing ditch, replacing dilapidated water control structures, and installing approximately 2,700 ± feet of 12-inch pipeline on the Department of Fish and Game's Shasta Valley Wildlife Area, located approximately ten miles east of Yreka in Siskiyou County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]

- *16. China Hill, Expansions 3 and 4, Siskiyou County \$99,000.00

To consider the acquisition of 25 ± acres of vacant land in the northern portion of the City of Yreka in Siskiyou County and the acceptance of a Recovery Land Acquisition Grant from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to be applied to the acquisition. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]

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- *17. Ash Creek Wildlife Area, Wetland Enhancement, Phase II, \$100,000.00
Modoc County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the California Waterfowl Association to rehabilitate nearly two miles of a water supply canal and a large siphon under Ash Creek, restore approximately 100 acres of seasonal wetlands, plant aspens and riparian vegetation adjacent to the restored wetlands, and construct a small parking lot to provide additional public use on the Department of Fish and Game's Ash Creek Wildlife Area, located north of Highway 299 between the communities of Bieber and Adin in Modoc County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]
- *18. Lake Earl Wildlife Area, Expansions 34, 35, and 36, \$185,000.00
Del Norte County
- To consider the acquisition of approximately 28 acres and a conservation easement over another 8.5 acres of privately owned property in Del Norte County, using a previously accepted grant from the State Coastal Conservancy to partially fund the acquisition. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]
19. San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Expansions 27 and 28, \$2,870,000.00
Riverside County
- To consider the fee acquisition of two properties as Expansions 27 and 28 to the San Jacinto Wildlife Area totaling 212 ± acres of land within the wildlife area located southeasterly of the community of Moreno Valley in Riverside County for the protection and possible restoration of wildlife habitat. In addition, the sale of 58.11 ± acres of State land to sellers of Expansion 27 and 28 to enhance safety, access and facilitate necessary improvements to Gilman Springs Road. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (b/c)]
20. Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve Restoration, \$903,312.00
Santa Barbara County
- To consider the allocation for a grant to the Land Trust of Santa Barbara County for a cooperative project with the US Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Aviation Administration, to restore and enhance the Department of Fish and Game's Goleta Slough Ecological Reserve. The project is located within the City of Goleta, adjacent and south of the Goleta Airport in Santa Barbara County. [Water Security Clean Drinking Water and Coastal and Beach Protection Fund of 2002 (Prop. 50), Section 79572 (a), and Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]

21. San Joaquin River Parkway, Sycamore Island Fishing Area, \$61,700.00
Madera County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the San Joaquin River Conservancy to help reopen and provide public access improvements for the Conservancy's Sycamore Island Public Fishing Area, including restrooms, picnic tables, signage, and traffic controls. The property is located along the north bank of the San Joaquin River near Fresno, just west of State Route 41 in Madera County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650, (b)(5)]

22. Grassland Environmental Relocation Education \$90,000.00
Center and Set-up,
Merced County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to relocate and set up a double-wide trailer which has been used as the Grasslands Environmental Education Center for the past 14 years. The site will be at the Los Banos Wildlife Area in Merced County. [Wildlife Restoration Fund (Minor Capital Outlay)]

23. Cache Creek Conservation Area, \$880,000.00
Colusa County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the American Land Conservancy to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 3,140 ± acres of privately owned land located west of Interstate 5 and the town of Williams, and north of Highway 20 near its junction with Highway 16, in southwestern Colusa County, for the purposes of preventing the conversion of rangeland, grazing land, and grassland to non-agricultural uses, consistent with the protection of valuable plant and wildlife habitat. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Rangeland]

24. Yolo County Riparian Restoration (CREP), \$450,050.00
Yolo County

To consider the allocation for a grant to the National Audubon Society, Inc., for the restoration of riparian habitats on private property located along Cottonwood Slough and Chickahominy Slough in Yolo County. [Safe Neighborhood Parks, Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund, (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(2)]

25. Lassen Foothills, Expansion 5, \$1,510,000.00
Tehama County

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Nature Conservancy to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement over 13,217 ± acres, for the purpose of protecting blue oak woodlands, riparian and aquatic habitats, vernal pools and grasslands, located 19 miles southeast of Red Bluff, off Lassen and Meridian Roads near the community of Vina and Los Molinos in Tehama County. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Oak and Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund]

26. Ridgewood Conservation Area, \$2,237,500.00
Mendocino County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Mendocino Land Trust for a cooperative project with the Department of Conservation and various federal, state and private partners to acquire up to 4,700 ± acres in one or more conservation easements near the town of Willits in Mendocino County, for the purpose of protecting and preserving northern California's anadromous fisheries, oak woodland, conifer forest, rangeland, riparian habitat and vernal pools. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Oak]

27. Six Rivers, Expansion 1 (Price Creek Ranch), \$483,679.00
Humboldt County

To consider the allocation of a grant to the Northcoast Regional Land Trust and the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) to assist in the acquisition of a conservation easement (to be held by CDF) on a 1,280 ± acre ranch site located approximately 6 miles southwest of Fortuna and 5 miles west of Rio Dell, for the purposes of protecting the property from encroaching development, continuation of ranching and forestry operations, protection and restoration of streams and riparian habitats, and optimization of timber productivity, all as may be consistent with wildlife habitat preservation and protection of sensitive biological resources. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650 (f) Rangeland, and Safe Neighborhood, Parks Clean Water, Clean Air and Coastal Protection Bond Fund (Prop. 12), Section 5096.350 (a)(4)]

28. McCloud Forest Conservation Area, \$5,630,000.00
Shasta and Siskiyou Counties

To consider the allocation for a grant to The Public Forest Trust to assist in a cooperative project with the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Department of Fish and Game, and another private funding source, to acquire a conservation easement over 9,200 ± acres of privately owned forest land, located south of Highway 89, near the towns of McCloud and Ponderosa in Shasta and Siskiyou counties, for the purpose of protecting a biologically rich forest landscape isolated by prime productive timberlands. [California Clean Water, Clean Air, Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund, (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

29. California Fisheries Restoration 2006, \$1,426,565.00
Del Norte, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin,
Mendocino, Santa Barbara and Siskiyou Counties

To consider the allocation of funds to the Department of Fish and Game to assist in the implementation of fourteen fisheries restoration projects located in various counties, as part of the Department's annual Fisheries Restoration Grant Program. The projects are located in Del Norte, Humboldt, Los Angeles, Marin, Mendocino, Santa Barbara, and Siskiyou counties. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (e/f) and California Clean Water, Clean Air Safe Neighborhood Parks and Coastal Protection Fund (Prop. 40), Section 5096.650]

30. Wetland Habitat Restoration, Honey Lake Wildlife Area, \$165,000.00
Lassen County

To consider the allocation for a grant to Ducks Unlimited, Inc., to enhance wildlife habitat by restoring 283 acres of seasonal wetlands and enhancing 121 acres of agricultural lands, to produce wildlife food and cover, on the Department of Fish and Game's Honey Lake Wildlife Area, located approximately fifteen miles southeast of Susanville in Lassen County. [Habitat Conservation Fund, (Prop. 117), Section 2786 (d) Other]

31. Staff Report – Grant Agreement and Informational
Conservation Easement Policy

Report to update the Board on staff's progress in developing policy for monitoring the conditions of easements.

(Inquiries regarding agenda items may be directed to Al Wright, Executive Director of the Wildlife Conservation Board, at the address and telephone number shown on the letterhead.)